

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 and 17-24 are pending. Claims 1-11 are allowed. Claims 13-16 are canceled. Claims 1, 7 and 12 are currently amended. Claims 17-24 are added.

New claim 17 finds support in the specification: page 9, lines 9-10. New claim 18 finds support in original claim 7. New claims 19 and 20 find support in the specification: page 8, lines 14-16. New claims 21-23 find support in the specification: page 9, lines 11-13. New claim 24 finds support in original claim 12 and the specification: page 10, lines 5-10. No new matter has been entered.

Claim 1 is amended for clarification purposes only. Amended claim 7 finds support in the specification: page 8, line 14. Amended claim 12 finds support in the specification: page 9, lines 20-24.

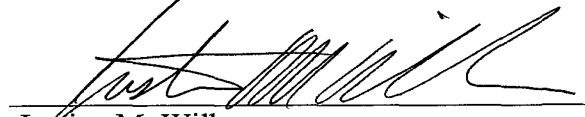
Claim 12 as amended is a process claim and therefore obviates the 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) rejection as being anticipated by the composition of *Kaizik*.

Claims 12 and 17-24 are dependent on and contain all the limitations of Claim 6 which is in allowable form. Therefore, these claims are also in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, and in view of the indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections and the passage of this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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